When approached by students who face problems as a result of enhancement of fees, our embassies in these countries. after examining the fact, intervene as necessary to ensure equitable treatment for Indian Students.

Whenever specific difficulties are brought to the notice of our Embassies, efforts are made to resolve them in accordance with the rules and regulation

[English]

Ban on Oxytocin

2821. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oxytocin a drug which was developed for facilitating delivery of child. is being used in excessive quantities on cows/buffaloes for letting down of milk since it is available even in grocery shops easily:

(b) whether it is well established that by the very use of oxytocin. milk properties change and uterus of cows also becomes defective: and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to. be taken by the Government to ban oxytocin keeping in view the health of both the animals and human beings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a). Oxytocin is some times used in cows and buffaloes which suffer from let down problems.

(b) No Sir, there are no such published scientific reports in this regard

(c) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Armed Forces

2822. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of measures taken to modernise the Indian weapons system:

(b) whether different wings of defence forces Army. Navy and Air Force have been complaining about the non-availability of adequate funds to upgrade and modernise and also adequately maintain the weapons; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Government are committed to modernise the Armed Forces within the available resources. Modernisation is an ongoing process. A concerted exercise is undertaken every year to determine the priorities of modernisation taking into account the changing threat scenario, the advancement of technology, the global and regional security environment and the availability of resources. It will not be in the national security interest to divulge the details of the modernisation programme.

(b) and (c). The requirement of funds are worked out in consultation with the Service Headquarters and are projected to the Ministry of Finance to enable them to decide on the Defence allocation keeping in view the overall availability of resources, national security and the demends of other sectors of the economy.

[Translation]

Construction of Sindhmukh Branch of Indira Gandhi Canal in Rajasthan

2823. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the proposed course of Sindhmukh Branch of Indira Gandhi Canal under construction in Rajasthan:

(b) the length of the said canal constructed and the remaining length of the canal to be constructed; and

(c) whether more villages will be connected by the said canal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The proposed Sindhmukh Canal is a part of Sidhmukh and Nohar project implemented by Rajasthan to draw water from Bhakra main line in Punjab ex-Tohna Head works. The Canal will traverse through Haryana and enter Rajasthan to irrigate the command area of Nohar and Bhadra Tehsils of Hanumangarh District and Rajgarh and Taranagar Tehsils of Churu District.

(b) As reported by Government of Rajasthan, the proposed length of the Sidhmukh Canal System including Sidhmukh Feeder, Raslana distributary and Raslana minors is about 223.66 km., out of which about 75.95 km. has been completed upto January. 1996.

(c) No. Sir.

[English]

New Medical Colleges

2824. SHRI NAKLi SINGH :
SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE :
SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Medical College in Saharanpur for the benefit of students of the area who want to study medical sciences and also to provide medical services to the urban and rural poor of the area;